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Report of the Second Committee (Part I)*

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INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 19 September 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled:

"Sustainable development and international economic cooperation:

"(a) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership;

"(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;

"(c) Population and development;

"(d) International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development;

"(e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II);

"(f) First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty;

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"(g) Women in development;

"(h) Human resources development;

"(i) Cultural development"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a general discussion on the item at its 14th, 18th, 19th, 23rd, 24th, 26th, 27th, 38th and 39th meetings, on 22, 27, 30 and 31 October and on 3 and 12 November. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/52/SR.14, 18, 19, 23, 24, 26, 27, 38 and 39). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 9th meetings from 13 to 16 October (see A/C.2/52/SR.3-9). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in addenda to the present report, as follows:

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3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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(a) Letter dated 14 March 1997 from the Permanent Representatives of Belarus and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/52/92);

(b) Letter dated 14 March 1997 from the representatives of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/52/112);

(c) Letter dated 7 May 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/52/139);

(d) Letter dated 15 May 1997 from the Permanent Representatives of China and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/52/153-S/1997/384);

(e) Letter dated 29 May 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/52/163);

(f) Letter dated 26 June 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/52/217-S/1997/507);

(g) Letter dated 12 August 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/52/284);

(h) Letter dated 29 August 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/52/318);

(i) Letter dated 1 October 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/52/447-S/1997/775);

(j) Letter dated 13 October 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/52/460);

(k) Letter dated 22 October 1997 from the Permanent Representatives of Costa Rica and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/52/514-S/1997/815);

Item 97 (a). Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (A/52/425);

(b) Letter dated 23 September 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Marshall Islands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the communiqué of the twenty-eighth South Pacific Forum (A/52/413);

(c) Letter dated 1 October 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations transmitting the Communiqué of the Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries to the fifty-second session of the General Assembly (A/52/447-E/1997/775);

(d) Letter dated 2 October 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Medellín Declaration for Cultural Diversity and Tolerance and the Plan of Action on Cultural Cooperation, adopted by the First Meeting of Ministers of Culture of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries (A/52/432);

(e) Letter dated 2 October 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Okinawa Conference on Development (A/52/436);

(f) Letter dated 13 October 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nation addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 at their twenty-first annual meeting (A/52/460);

(g) Letter dated 17 November 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/52/9);

(h) Letter dated 18 November 1997 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/C.2/52/10);

Item 97 (b). Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (A/52/279);

(b) Letter dated 23 September 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Marshall Islands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the communiqué of the twenty-eighth South Pacific Forum (A/52/413);

(c) Letter dated 2 October 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/52/3);

Item 97 (c). Population and development

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on population and development (A/52/208);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General containing proposals on the process and modalities for the review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (A/52/208/Add.1);

Item 97 (d). International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development (A/52/314);

Item 97 (e). Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

(a) Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its sixteenth session (A/52/8 and Add.1);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/52/181-E/1997/77);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (A/52/539);

(d) Letter dated 7 May 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/52/136);

Item 97 (f). First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (A/52/573);

(b) Report on the World Social Situation, 1997 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.1997.IV.1);

(c) Letter dated 23 September 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Marshall Islands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the communiqué of the twenty-eighth South Pacific Forum (A/52/413);

Item 97 (g). Women in development

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on the advancement of women (A/52/300);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on women in development (A/52/345);

(c) Letter dated 23 September 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Marshall Islands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the communiqué of the twenty-eighth South Pacific Forum (A/52/413);

Item 97 (h). Human resources development

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/105 (A/52/540);

(b) Letter dated 23 September 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Marshall Islands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the communiqué of the twenty-eighth South Pacific Forum (A/52/413);

Item 97 (i). Cultural development

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on implementation of the World Decade for Cultural Development (A/52/382);

(b) Letter dated 23 September 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Marshall Islands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the communiqué of the twenty-eighth South Pacific Forum (A/52/413);

4. At the 14th meeting, on 22 October, an introductory statement on sub-item (i) was made by the Coordinator and Chief of the World Decade for Cultural Development of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (see A/C.2/52/SR.14).

5. At the 18th meeting, on 27 October, introductory statements on sub-items (a) and (b) were made by the Officer-in-Charge of the Division of Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the Officer-in-Charge of the New York Office of UNCTAD (see A/C.2/52/SR.18).

6. At the 23rd meeting, on 30 October, introductory statements on sub-items (c) and (d) were made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and by the Director of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (see A/C.2/52/SR.23).

7. At the 26th meeting, on 31 October, an introductory statement on sub-item (e) was made by the Acting Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (see A/C.2/52/SR.26).

8. At the 27th meeting, on 3 November, introductory statements on sub-items (g) and (h) were made by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and by the Principal Officer of the Social Development and Poverty Elimination Division of UNDP (see A/C.2/52/SR.27).

9. At the 38th meeting, on 12 November, an introductory statement on sub-item (f) was made by the Director of the Social Policy and Development Division of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs (see A/C.2/52/SR.38).